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In re Patent Application of:

Tumer et al.

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Filed: September 13, 2001

For: TRANSGENIC PLANTS HAVING IMPROVED FLAVOR PROPERTIES Group Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

PETITION UNDER RULE 1.78

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3), Applicants hereby request entry of a Preliminary Amendment filed of even date herewith (copy attached), which introduces into page 1 of the specification, the priority information (under §§119(e) and 371) that is contained in the Declaration.

Applicants submit that the entire delay between the date the claim was due as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2), and today's date was unintentional. 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)(ii).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the surcharge set forth in §1.17(t) to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095. However, being that the priority information is set forth in the Declaration filed with the Application, and that this Petition is being filed prior to any action on the merits, and thus will not create any delay in or unnecessarily prolong prosecution, Applicants respectfully request waiver of the surcharge.

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Favorable consideration and granting of this Petition is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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